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## RAILROAD

Is What You Hear at the Little City of Salem.

The Eagle Spar Company Talking a Narrow Gauge to Marion

The people of Salem are all agog over the prospects of a railroad from that place to some point on the Illinois Central, probably Marion.

The Eagle Spar Company of Wheeling, W. Va., has for some months past been prospecting for and mining spar in that section. Several valuable veins of spar have been uncovered and the company finds that it has a valuable product in large quantities, but lacks adequate means of transportation, and is therefore maturing a proposition to submit to the people for the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from Salem to the I. C.

Mr. Wm. Lowery who has been managing the company's business was questioned about the matter, and said:

"Yes, sir, the company wants the road, and wants it so keenly that it proposes to build it, if the people will help a little. Some of our company will be at Marion in a few days to talk to your people about it. We mean business, and want to build that road and build it at once. It is no idle talk nor vague scheme to be put on foot at some indefinite time in the future. We want the road and want it now."

The company is said to be composed of wealthy men, and they have faith in the industry they are developing and will not hesitate to spend the money in the development. It is stated that \$25,000 has already been spent in prospecting, opening mines and putting in machinery. Four mines are now being operated—the Guill, Babb, Clullen and Hudson mines. The product from the Hudson mine is said to be the finest floor spar in the country.

Another company is working a mine on Mr. R. H. Woods' farm—three miles south of Salem.

The country lying west of the I. C. road from Marion to Livingston creek, and extending as far west possibly as the center of Livingston county, seems to be honey-combed with veins of spar, and as many as five companies are at work mining and shipping the spar and developing the field.

## A BIG BLAZE.

Four Business Houses at Blackford Destroyed by Fire Friday Night.

Just at 12 o'clock Friday night the people of Blackford were aroused from their slumber to find the business house of Head Bros., in flames. It was a big dry goods store, with ware room adjoining, and the flames were under too great a headway, when discovered, to fight and the house and contents were soon in ashes.

The fire spread rapidly despite the energies of a hundred or more earnest workers, and the drug store of Wallace & Brown, grocery store of Morgan & Allen, and undertaking shop of Dr. Asher were all burned. Head Bros., were the heaviest losers, their loss being estimated at \$4,000, with \$1,600 insurance.

Wallace & Brown, loss about \$3,000.

Most of the stock of Morgan & Allen was saved, the loss being estimated at \$150, besides the house, which belonged to another party. The loss of Dr. Asher was small as all but two coffins was saved, and the house belonged to another man.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

Thomas Thurman, deputy sheriff of Troy, Mo., says if everyone in the United States should discover the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and take a course of treatment, the demand could not be supplied.

Jan. H. Orme.

A special election has been ordered for August 29, to fill the vacancy in Congress from the Eighth Missouri district, caused by R. P. Bland's death.

What you want is not temporary relief from piles but a cure to stay cured. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure piles and stay cured. —J. H. Orme

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# To Delinquent Tax-Payers

The Fiscal Court of Crittenden County has ordered the Delinquent Tax-List for the year 1898 published in the Press. I have delayed the publication as long as possible, hoping all would settle; they have not and I now give notice that the list will be made up

Tuesday, August 15th,

and the names of all who have not paid for 1898 will be on the list and printed in the Press of Aug. 17. If you are on this list, call and pay before AUGUST 15.

John T. Pickens, S. C. C.

Marion, Ky., July 12, 1899.

## THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Official Proceedings. Training School and Changes in Examination Wanted

TUESDAY MORNING  
Institute was called to order by Vice-President.  
Devotional exercises.  
Roll call.  
This day being the Fourth of July the Superintendent suggested that the institute should adjourn at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and go to the opera house and have a program which shall be arranged by a committee. This met with the approval of the institute and a committee was appointed to arrange a program.

Messrs Evans, Gass, and Miss Margaret Moore were appointed as the committee.  
Mr. Allen suggested that a committee be appointed on "Needed Legislation."  
Prof. Holbrook favored the same, and a motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed. Mr. Allen, M. E. Butler and Miss Alice Browning were appointed as the committee.

Prof. Holbrook then gave a talk on "drill," showing the importance of drill and the knowledge gained thereby. He said, "Children should do everything understandingly, but the idea, that a child must understand everything before he does it, is wrong. A good teacher will see to it that certain facts are understood around which others may be centered. Blessed is the man that has a plan in his mind, for he shall accomplish something. You may not have a method as to how you will teach a lesson, but if you have a plan you may accomplish a great deal."

Concert drill is good for the reason that there are often some timid pupils who are not willing to risk themselves to answer alone. But concert drills soon wear out and a change is necessary. Give individual drill. Have pupils to repeat after you. Change mode of listening.

Give to pupils straight forward praise whenever you can. Don't give a pupil up because he is stupid or bad. There is hope for him. There is enterprise in him."

Recess Music.

Prof. Holbrook:—"Same laws of training which are to be used in the school room are to be used in the family. Every one has a class to teach as long as he lives. That class is himself. The same principles apply in this case as in others."

himself is food to the minds of his pupils."

Recess.

Discussion school management.

Mr. Allen opened the discussion and said: "We need a school house, attractive room, pupils to come regularly. One thing necessary is management of self. Too many of us fail to praise the work of our pupils."

Mrs. Flannery said that we should always have a definite plan for work. Let the pupils know that next to their parents, the teacher is their best friend.

Mr. Butler said that one important factor was in having confidence in your self; that you can manage the school. We must determine to conquer; yet we must be kind and courteous to our pupils.

Mr. Casner thinks it is well to praise the pupils. It helps them to do better work.

Miss Wheeler said: "Be your very best self. Be as greatly interested in your pupils as you can. Try to get them to be free. Learn them as early as possible. We must love our pupils. Try to find the redeeming qualities in any bad pupil. We should be very particular about ourselves in the school room. Guard against being noisy. If the teacher is not quiet the pupils will not be apt to be quiet."

Prof. Holbrook:—"Never be too hasty—don't be too quick to form a decision."

Miss Ray Woods:—"The way to decide the question is to study the child. Some children can be praised while it will not do to praise others. Keep the children busy, happy and interested."

Mr. Paris:—"Have something for every pupil to do, and see that they do the work themselves. Hold the personality of pupil as sacredly as we do ourselves."

Announcements.  
Institute then adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING  
Devotional exercises led by Rev. Burnett.

Solo, by Miss Maud Ronay.  
Roll call.

Introduction remarks by Prof. Holbrook, he said: "Acknowledge a good thing. So many people are backward about this. If you recognize and acknowledge something new, something better, you feel happy over it. If you recognize the hand of God in anything you feel happy."

"Progress is before us. See where the drift is and get with it. Let your lives get what they can from it. Are you giving yourselves the power that comes from the drift? What we need is to move on. Get into the current."

The mind, a growing force was made the basis for discussion by Prof. Holbrook.

"Feeding the mind is simply giving it work to do. The weak mind, the diseased mind, is the result of it having nothing to do. The strength of the mind comes from having position."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,  
Opening exercises.  
Roll call.

Prof. Holbrook:—"The mind may be fed. It may be stimulated, and it may be directed. If you want to know what you have to do with the mind, you must think about some growing thing. The mind of the pupils must be fed. The teacher

lesson assigned, every request you make of a pupil, is giving food to the mind. But these tasks must be possible. Activity is necessary or the mind becomes sluggish, insane or dead."

Recess.

The last hour before noon was devoted to a lesson in spelling, given by Prof. Holbrook.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Roll call.

Prof. Holbrook:—"We discover the beauty in the growth of anything as we open up the way. Give the children freedom; let them think for themselves; let them do the work themselves. Give them questions by means of which they can think how to do the work assigned them."

Recess.

Discussion—Graded work in county schools.

Mr. Gass said: "I do not think much of this work has been done. I fully realize that it ought to be done, and I am in favor of it, but I have failed to do much toward grading my pupils."

Mr. Mott gave his plan showing to the teachers how he had succeeded in grading his school.

Mr. Hina said he thought grading should be given great attention. Any school could be graded.

Prof. Holbrook objected to crowding children into the same grade. He thought best to have a correct course of study and regulate pupils studies by that course.

Miss Nellie Walker said she graded her pupils by their readers—had some cross grading.

Miss Wheeler asked if grading according to plan given for schools could be done. She also suggested that a committee be appointed to make a plan of course of study and have ready at the meeting of District Association, which meets in Marion in November. Have the same printed.

Motion was made and seconded that the county superintendent be given the power to appoint a committee of five to investigate and make plan, etc.

The institute then adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING.  
Devotional exercises led by Mr. W. H. Watson.

Roll call.

Discussion of mind continued by Prof. Holbrook. "There are three processes of the mind—ingraining or sensibility, inside or intellect and outgoing or will."

"Reciting from memory purely mechanical and a poor way of expression."

"Pupils must be in a proper state of feeling. These feelings must be sympathized with and considered."

"The successful teacher must win the pupil, must also like the pupil."

"Encourage pupils who are easily embarrassed, since they are endowed with great power."

"Will power is the great force of the mind and needs careful direction."

"The successful teacher trains the pupils to like to do, also trains them to do intelligently, but best of all trains them to a love of doing the right thing."

"Train the pupils to a love of freedom. Those are free who do their duty from a sense of a love for duty."

Recess.

Prof. Holbrook:—"The brain will grow to its own powers by its own capabilities."

"Children learn to do by doing. Give them written work. At the close of a lesson have them write what they can on the subject they have had. Look over their papers. Do not criticize severely. Frequently give them written exercises. How rapidly they will grow in the practice."

Adjournment.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Music.

Discussion by Prof. Holbrook. Made a study of the mind under three heads, the acquisitive, reflective and expressive. Classified a course of study under these three heads.

In primary grade there is largely the acquisitive.

In grammar grade, is largely the reflective.

In high school grade is largely the expressive.

"Every course of study should have a line of natural science, mathematics and literature."

"The core of concentration in the primary grade is natural science."

"The core of concentration in the grammar grade is mathematics."

"The core of concentration in the higher grades is literature."

Recess.

Discussion on reading by Prof. Holbrook:—"Reading is to train children to the use of language, also to read. The teaching of reading in school should awaken in the pupils a love for reading."

"Let the children read naturally. Have them read aloud and then discuss what they read."

"Keep interested in the lesson yourself. Keep your pupils interested in it."

"Thoroughly master the piece yourself. Let them recite the piece or some passage from it. The beauty of all is you are growing—your pupils are growing."

Call for report on "Needed Legislation."

Report as read by Mr. Allen chairman of committee:

"We the teachers of Crittenden County Institute assembled, do hereby petition the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to make the following changes in the Common School Law:

1st. Be it enacted that instead of four county examinations for county certificates, that we have only three, which shall take place in the following months, viz: May, June and August, and that instead of two examinations for state certificates we shall have only one which shall occur in the month of July and continue for three days.

2nd. Be it resolved that the examination for Common School Diploma shall take place the first Thursday and Friday in January, instead of the last Thursday and Friday of the same month.

3rd. Be it resolved that we petition the Legislature to appropriate funds for the purpose of a training school for teachers in Western Kentucky, and furthermore that we request the President of the First District Association to appoint a committee to report at the November association on needed legislation regarding the establishment of a training school in Western Kentucky.

R. M. Allen,  
Alice Browning,  
J. B. Paris,  
Committee.

A motion to adopt the report as a whole, was made and seconded. Motion carried.

A motion that we request all counties in Western Kentucky to consider the question of needed legislation, received a second and motion carried.

Reading of the Journal by Miss Margaret Moore was next in order. Institute then adjourned to meet again in 1900.

Lena Woods, Secretary.

Margaret Moore, Assistant.

Wonderful marvelous! are expressions frequently heard about Felsch's Kidney Cure. Do not fail to try this great remedy for all kidney trouble.

Gen. Wheeler will sail on the 20th inst. from San Francisco to take up the fighting game in the Philippines.



C. C. GRASSHAM

The many friends of Mr. C. C. Grassham, the bright young lawyer of Smithland, who made the race against John L. Gray for Commonwealth Attorney, will be glad to learn that he did not burn the bridge behind him, when he made that little detour, and that he is now affiliating with the Democratic party. Recently he was asked if he would accept the Republican nomination for representative and in reply to that letter of inquiry he explained his position as follows:

SMITHLAND, Ky., June 12.

My Dear Sir:—I hasten to answer your favor of 7th inst., which came to my desk while I was in Tennessee. You ask me "if I would accept the nomination for Representative, if

nominated," and add that you think I can be elected. I beg to state I would decline the nomination and position; because I am not a Republican and have never been, nor am I in accord with the principles advocated by the Republican party; nor am I in sympathy with the policies it pursues. I am a Democrat; and since the practical disbanding of the sound money wing of the Democratic party, I have affiliated with what is known as the regular Democratic party, and will so continue.

I think it right to be thus candid with you.

I am most respectfully,  
C. C. GRASSHAM,  
Hon. Wm. J. Deboe, U. S. Senator, Marion, Ky.

## No Right to Ugliness

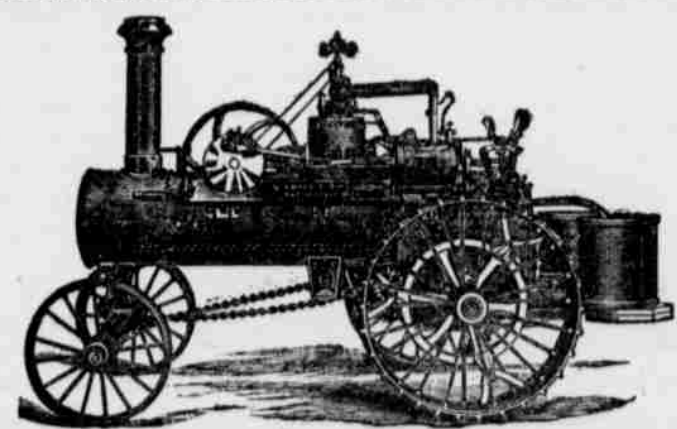
The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run down invalid. Only 50 cents at J. H. Orme's drugstore.

A State ticket has been nominated in Iowa by a new organization called the United Christian party, whose platform is that the country should be governed by the standard: "What would Jesus do?"

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